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SUBJECT: CONTINUING AGRICULTURAL IMPASSE

1. SUMMARY. US AND EC REACHED IMPASSE IN QR SUBGROUP
OVER TEXT OF CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP. US SOUGHT INSERTION
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OF LANGUAGE REFLECTING FACT THAT SOME CONSULTATIONS HAVE

TAKEN PLACE UNDER AEGIS OF QR SUBGROUP WHICH INCLUDE BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS. EC OBJECTED, CLAIMING PRIVATELY TO US THAT ANY SUCH REFERENCE COULD PREVENT AGREEMENT FROM BEING REACHED AT MONDAY'S 113 COMMITTEE MEETING IN BRUSSELS. EC THEN COUNTERED WITH LANGUAGE WHOLLY UNACCEPTABLE TO US. US AND EC AGREED TO DEFER ANY FURTHER EFFORTS TO RESOLVE ISSUE UNTIL NEXT WEEK AFTER 113 COMMITTEE MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. DRAFT OF CHAIRMAN SUMMING UP OF QR SUBGROUP MEETING (SEE SEPTEL FOR FULLER REPORT ON MEETING) REFERRED TO DIFFERENCES OF VIEW THAT STILL EXISTED REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, US PROPOSED LANGUAGE NOTING THAT SOME DELEGATIONS HAD ALREADY CONDUCTED A NUMBER OF CONSULTATIONS ON BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND EXPECTED TO HOLD ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS IN THE FUTURE. EC REFUSED TO ACCEPT US PROPOSAL.

3. COMMENT. EC DEL (ABBOTT) TOLD US DEL (NEWKIRK) THAT HE WAS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM MEMBER STATES NOT TO ACKNOWLEDGE (AND THEREBY LEGITIMIZE) THE CONDUCT OF BILATERAL AGRICULTURAL QR CONSULTATIONS UNDER AEGIS OF QR SUBGROUP. WE INTERPRET THIS AS REFLECTING AFTER-THE-FACT UNHAPPINESS GO FORWARD. US REPLIED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS HAD IN FACT TAKEN PLACE AND THAT WE FELT OBLIGATED TO HAVE THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION ACCURATELY REFLECTED IN THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING UP. EC DEL STATED THAT US INSISTENCE COULD SCUTTLE EFFORTS TO REACH AGREEMENT AT 113 COMMITTEE LEVEL ON RESOLVING AGRICULTURAL IMPASSE. FOREGOING OCCURRED LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

4. EARLY FRIDAY MORNING US PROPOSED LANGUAGE HAVING TWO OBJECTIVES. FIRST WE WISHED TO SUSTAIN OUR POSITION ON REFLECTING THE FACT THAT CONSULTATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL QRS HAD IN FACT TAKEN PLACE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE WANTED TO MINIMIZE THE RISK THAT EC COULD ACCUSE US OF SABOTAGING EFFORTS OF THE 113 MEETING TO REACH AGREEMENT.

5. PROPOSED US TEXT: "IT WAS NOTED BY CERTAIN DELEGATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT SOME INITIAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE INCLUDED BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS. THE CONCLUSIONS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, HOWEVER, MAY DEPEND UPON EVENTUAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATIONS ON QRS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS." THIS TRACKS PREVIOUS US POSITION THAT ULTIMATE US-EC AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL QR CONSULTATIONS WOULD EMBRACE ALL SUCH CONSULTATIONS.

6. THE EC, HOWEVER, REJECTED US PROPOSAL AND PROPOSED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WHICH US IMMEDIATELY REJECTED AS GROSS DISTORTION: "OTHER DELEGATIONS RECALLED THAT THE SUBGROUP AT ITS LAST MEETING HAD NOTED THAT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUMMING UP OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TNC AT ITS FEBURARY 1975 MEETING, AND REGRETTED THAT THIS APPROACH HAD NOT BEEN FULLY RESPECTED. FURTHERMORE THEY RECALLED THAT THE AGRICULTURE GROUP ON 9 MAY AGREED THAT IT WOULD TREAT TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND THAT WHERE SUCH MEASURES AFFECTING AGRICULTURE WERE TAKEN UP IN OTHER CONTEXTS THE AGRICULTURE GROUP WOULD CONCERN ITSELF WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS. IN ACCORDANCW WITH THE CONCLUSIONS OF THAT MEETING THESE DELEGATIONS INSISTED THAT THE DETAILS OF ANY CONSULTATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BE COMMUNICATED WITHOUT DELAY TO THE AGRICULTURE GROUP FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AS APPROPRIATE."

7. HAVING REACHED IMPASSE, AND IN ORDER TO AVOID FURTHER MUCKING UP OF 113 COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS, US AND EC AGREED TO POSTPONE FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THIS ISSUE UNTIL NEXT WEEK AFTER 113 COMMITTEE MEETING. WALKER

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